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### **Mattawan Churches**





# Calvary Reformed Church

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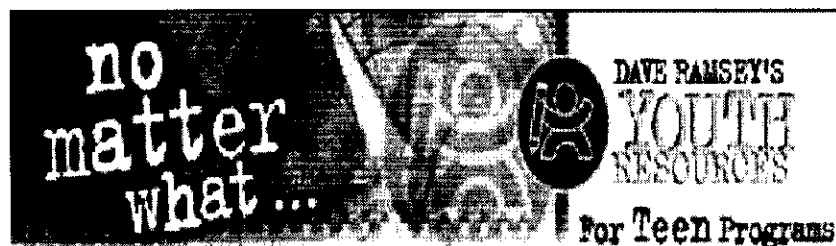
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**Sunday Services:**

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10:00 a.m. - Worship Service







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(269) 668-3050  
Pastor: William McCrackin



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# St. John Bosco Parish

23830 Front Ave.,  
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296 E. Dibble St.  
Marcellus MI 49067

(Office for both churches in Mattawan)  
Ph. 269-668-3312 Fax 269-668-3313



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### Office Hours:

Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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### **The Village**

Van Buren County was formed by an act of the Legislative Council of Michigan and approved on October 29, 1829, by General Lewis Cass, Territorial Governor. The county was named after Martin Van Buren of New York who was then serving as President Jackson's Secretary of State. At that time the county was divided into seven townships, in 1854 it was reorganized into the townships as they are now known.

The first people in the region, more than 400 years ago, were the Mound Builders. Their name derives from the earthworks of various sizes that they constructed. They were a highly skilled people who produced the copper cookware, arrowheads and stone implements occasionally found in this region today. Many believe that the civilization migrated to Mexico.

The Potawatomi Indians dominated the area for many years. They had migrated to southwest Michigan from southern Wisconsin around 1740. They did not believe in land ownership but protected the land on which they camped. Their shelters were wigwams constructed of bent saplings, bark and grass matting. Chief Pokagon, their spokesperson, was a well-educated, highly articulate man. His writings are well recorded in Michigan history. Although he and his followers were exempted from the Chicago treaty of 1821 and the later treaties of 1828 and 1833, a majority of the Potawatomi Indians left Van Buren County prior to statehood in 1836.

The Village Of Mattawan traces its beginnings to a federal land grant given to Nathaniel Cheesboro, an attorney for the Michigan Central Railroad, in 1839. With the completion of the railroad, Mr. Cheesboro named the station "Mattawan" after a town on the Hudson River in New York. Lyman Lawrence filed the first town plat in 1850 and called it Mattawan, after the name given the railroad station which is an Indian word meaning "Good Pelts."

There would have been no Mattawan, Lawton or Decatur in Van Buren County if the railroad had followed the state surveyed route.

In 1839 the President set aside several thousand acres of land in his namesake county of Van Buren to pioneer settlers. Several families bought acreage and right-of-way land was purchased for the railroad. These families received mail at the Antwerp post office and sent their children to the Fitch School, both located on Red Arrow Highway. Church services were held by "Circuit Riders" in private homes.

Between 1840 and 1850 a school was established, a grocery store was



*built, and the first track of the New York Central Railroad was laid. The Michigan Central Railroad, in the course of construction, built a depot and railway shops. The depot housed a telegraph system and trained operators. Several hotels were constructed and a post office was established. From 1850 to 1880 the town prospered as a shipping point for northern lumber until the completion of the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad diverted the shipments.*

In 1869-1970, Mattawan's so-called "peak years", there consisted a grain elevator, dealer in farm produce, two doctors, stockyards, four well-stocked general stores, grocery and clothing. Six passenger trains also served the town.

Fruit growing prospered in the area, especially grapevines brought from New York State in the late 1860's. By the 1880's Mattawan was shipping carloads of peaches and grapes to all parts of the Midwestern United States. *The first juice plant, a logical extension of fruit farming, was built around 1900. The period between 1865 and 1980 was a golden age of agriculture for the area. The soils were fertile and labor was abundant. However, the early part of the 1890's saw severe droughts; later, a series of insects and diseases descended on crops. Prices fell to very low levels. Gradually, as better agricultural methods were found and mechanization increased, fruit farming prospered.*

Mattawan is the oldest consolidated school district in Michigan. The first brick public school was constructed in 1890 but was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1905, while the former Junior High Building (now the Center Building) was built largely with W.P.A. funds in 1936. Since that time a new grade school, middle school and high school have been completed. A library was built in 1917 under the sponsorship of the Sunshine Club.

Several churches have served the community since its inception. A Methodist Church was built in 1865 and a Congregational Church incorporated in 1867. The first Catholic Mass was celebrated in 1963.

Many residents served at home and abroad during World War I and II. The Victor and Kenneth Hall VFW Post honors Victor Hall, a World War I Veteran, and his son Kenneth, who gave his life for his country during World War II. Other Mattawan residents served in Korea and Vietnam. A monument on Main Street honors them.

On January 18, 1960, Mattawan was incorporated as a Village and a five-member Charter Commission was elected. The Charter was approved on November 28, 1960 with Horace Stone serving as the President. The first Planning Commission and first Board of Tax Review were appointed in 1961. Since 1960, the population of Mattawan has increased from 776 inhabitants to 2,461 as estimated by the Census Bureau in 1990







**Exhibit J**

**Mattawan Village Council Member Information**



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Village of Mattawan

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Village President

Plumbing Inspector

Village Fire Department

Village Treasurer

### Village of Mattawan

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Name: Village of Mattawan  
 Title: Meeting Second & Fourth Monday, 7:00 P.M.  
 Address 1: 24221 Front Avenue  
 City: Mattawan  
 State: MI  
 Zip Code: 49071  
 Phone: (269) 668-2128  
 Fax: (269) 668-4324  
 Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (M-F)  
 E Mail: [offices@mattawanmi.com](mailto:offices@mattawanmi.com)  
 Web Page: <http://www.mattawanmi.com/>

### Village President

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Name: Terri McLean  
 Phone: (269) 668-2128

### Village Clerk/Manager

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Name: Searching for village manager  
 Phone: (269) 668-2128

### Village Treasurer

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Name: Tom Coles  
 Phone: (269) 668-2128

### Village Council Member's

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Terri McLean  
 Elmer Harn  
 Betsy Standish  
 Harriet Kucinich  
 Tom Coles  
 Chriss Gibbie  
 David Brooks

### Public Services

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Name: John Ruiter  
 Title: Supervisor  
 Phone: (269) 657-3169

### Village Police Department

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Name: Don VerHage  
Title: Chief of Police

**Village Office Administrator**

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Name: Lesley Benson  
Phone: (269) 668-2128

**Department of Public Works**

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Name: Tom Anthony  
Title: Supervisor  
Phone: (269) 668-2300

**Planning Commission**

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Name: Steve Osborne  
Title: Chair  
Phone: (269) 668-2128

**Building, Mechanical, Electrical Inspectors**

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Name: Michigan Township Services  
Phone: 1-800-468-7170

**Village Fire Department**

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Name: Joe Mayne  
Title: Fire Chief  
Phone: 577-0955 (Pager)

**Plumbing Inspector**

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Name: Ed Gregory  
Phone: (269) 668-2518






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**Exhibit K**

**Mattawan Village Council Meeting Information**





# Welcome to the Village of Mattawan

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## The Village

The Village Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. Council meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Village Hall, 24221 Front Avenue. The public is encouraged to attend.

Name	Position	End of Term
Terri McLean	President	2008
Harriet Kucinich	Pro-Tem	2006
Vacancy	Council Member	2008
Hughie Slane	Council Member	2006
Nick Hatzinikolis	Council Member	2006
Scott Smith	Council Member	2008
James Kirklin	Treasurer	2006





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**Exhibit L**

**Mattawan Village Council  
January 24, 2005, Meeting Minutes**



VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2005

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ATTENDANCE

**Present: Kucinich, Kirklin, Slane, McLean, Hatzinikolis, Smith**

Others present: Rob Atkins of Gove Associates, Supt. Anthony, Admin. Benson, and others

4. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC
5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING BEING RECORDED
6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None
7. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion by Smith, support by Kucinich, to approve the agenda as written. All members voted in favor, motion carried.**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2005

**Motion by Kucinich, support by Slane, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2005 as written. All members voted in favor, motion carried.**

9. BILLS TO BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 31,407.19

Kucinich asked that staff report at the next meeting on how much Consumers Energy rates had increased. Hatzinikolis asked that staff find out how much it would cost to buy printed supplies from NJB Office Products, including the initial artwork set-up fee.

**Motion by Smith, support by Kirklin, to approve bills for payment in the amount of \$31,407.19. All members voted in favor, motion carried.**

10. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT – None



## 11. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. *PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON JAN 18 AND THIS EVENING – CHAIR SMITH*

Committee Chairman Smith reported on the proposed expenditures for road improvements and the state of the sewer lift station pumps.

B. *FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THIS EVENING – TREASURER KIRKLIN*

Treasurer Kirklin reported that the Committee had reviewed statements and reports for the mid-year period ended December 31, 2004.

C. *PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19 – LIAISON HATZINIKOLIS*

Liaison Hatzinikolis reported on the activity of the Planning Commission.

## 12. STAFF REPORTS

A. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - SUPT. ANTHONY*

Supt. Anthony presented his report for the month. He thanked the police department for letting him know promptly when snow conditions were bad enough to require plowing; he then described the snow plowing procedure. He also explained that some mailboxes are always knocked down during plowing and that the department usually has to replace four or five a year.

B. *ENGINEER'S REPORT - GOVE ASSOCIATES*

Rob Atkins of Gove Associates reported that they are in the process of putting together costs to improve the Concord and Main intersection and the arsenic treatment plant.

C. *POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL REPORT – CHIEF VERHAGE*

Chief VerHage presented the Incident Report and the Citations Report for the month of December. McLean, referencing an article in the Kalamazoo Gazette about a meth bust near the early Elementary School, asked the Chief if he knew if it was recent. The Chief stated that he had not seen the article and that the State has its own drug team and did not always report its activity to the local departments.

D. *ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – ADMIN. BENSON*

Benson reported on January activity.



*E. TREASURER'S REPORT – TREASURER KIRKLIN*

Treasurer Kirklin reported on the progress of High Octant to provide DSL service.

*F. REVENUE & EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER – TREASURER KIRKLIN*

Statements were received by Council members.

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

*A. STATUS OF THE OLD PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING*

Supt. Anthony and Admin. Benson were asked to calculate the costs for the upkeep of the building in an 'as is' condition and also to project costs to improve the condition of the building. These figures will be available at the next Council meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

*A. APPROVAL OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN*

McLean asked if the projects were a priority or could the County road funds be used as matching funds to secure grant funds. It was determined that the repairs and improvements were necessary over the next few years and that Street Funds could be used to match grant funds that might be available. Supt. Anthony stated that he had attended an MDOT meeting about their five-year plans. He informed members that the widening of the bridge over I-94 was not on the list of projects. MDOT had told him that Mattawan only has a traffic congestion problem for two hours a day where other communities have a problem ten hours a day. MDOT does intend to place another traffic light on the south side of the bridge which may help traffic trying to make a turn on to I-94 off Main Street.

**Motion by Slane, support by Kirklin, to approve the Public Works Committee plan for the expenditure of County road tax funds as detailed in the minutes of the Committee meeting held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. All members voted in favor, motion carried.**

*B. SEWER PUMP PURCHASE*

Public Works Committee chairman Smith explained that currently one pump is leaking and out of service and the other is on the verge of breaking down. Supt. Anthony explained that the original Paco pumps were not good quality pumps and were not designed well. They were purchased and installed based on USDA guidelines to purchase from the lowest bidder. Both pumps must be replaced because the bearings are not holding up. Hatzinikolis asked what kind of guarantee the new pumps would have. Anthony stated that a one-year warranty was standard. Hatzinikolis asked if a service contract could be purchased. It was determined that the pumps would be paid for from the sewer fund receiving account.



**Motion by Smith, support by Slane, to authorize the purchase and installation of two Ingersoll-Rand lift station pumps from Flowserve in an amount not to exceed \$89,000. All members voted in favor, motion carried.**

It was determined that NR Mitchell would be contracted to install the pumps if Flowserve did not provide the service. Hatzinikolis asked Anthony to find out if a service contract was available on the pumps.

15. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Anonymous letter to Treasurer Kirklin
- b. E-mail from Karl Freed regarding new House Bill that may affect the Village zoning ordinance
- c. Correspondence from the DEQ requiring a compliance report on the arsenic rule
- d. Correspondence from National Urban & Community Forestry Advisory Council denying consideration of grant application
- e. MML Fax Advisory regarding possible impact on revenue sharing

Commenting on the anonymous letter, Hatzinikolis urged all residents to attend Council meetings and become part of the process. McLean stated that there is currently a vacant Council seat and encouraged residents to participate instead of sending anonymous letters.

16. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Kim Cox from MPI Research asked if the vacancy on the Council was due to the resignation of member Berner; she asked about the subject of the anonymous letter; she asked if property owners would be special assessed for the paving of Freedom Lane. She was informed that they would not.

Supt. Anthony announced that his daughter, Mandy, was a runner up in the Miss Mattawan pageant.

Kim Cox informed everyone present that the Business Association was holding an after hours get together at Main Street Pub on Tuesday evening at 5:30; she encouraged anyone present to attend.

17. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Smith congratulated Supt. Anthony on being invited to attend the workshop on the Development of an Arsenic Treatment Technology Outreach Program for the US EPA meeting.

Smith also congratulated the public works department for the tremendous job they have done plowing the roads in the Village.



18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.





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**Exhibit M**

**Mattawan, Michigan  
March 8, 2004 Millage Election  
Tax Information**



**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN**  
**MILLAGE ELECTION**  
**March 8, 2004**

The Village of Mattawan has the lowest property tax rate in Michigan.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>2003 Gen. Fund Millage</u>	<u>Monthly Tax on \$80,000 Home</u>
Mattawan	2,536	4.4589	\$ 14.86
Paw Paw	3,363	11.3971	37.98
Lawrence	1,059	11.4636	38.21
Decatur	1,838	11.9553	39.85
Hartford	2,476	13.4070	44.69
Lawton	1,859	11.5460	38.49
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>10.7047</b>	<b>35.68</b>

**WHERE THE MONEY CURRENTLY COMES FROM**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Property Taxes	\$212,500	34%
Revenue Sharing	203,883	32
School Resource Officer Grant	36,000	6
Other	101,300	16
<b>Fund Balance (deficit spending)</b>	<b><u>74,849</u></b>	<b><u>12</u></b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$628,532</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

**WHERE THE MONEY CURRENTLY IS SPENT**

Public Safety	\$342,145	54%
Public Works	56,361	9
Parks Improvements	23,091	4
Buildings & Grounds	29,350	5
Administration/Village Hall	147,547	23
Other	<u>30,038</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$628,532</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

The monthly increase on an \$80,000 home is \$10.00 a month the first year, \$13.33 a month the second year, and \$17.00 a month the third year. The total millage will be 8 mills in the first year, 9 mills in the second year and 10 mills in the third year and thereafter.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
 JOHN MURPHY, VILLAGE MANAGER AT (269)-668-2128